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The southern rice growers have fared better at the hands of the Democratic tariff makers. The Wilson tariff imposes a duty of almost sixty cents a bushel on rice.

In the recent Pennsylvania primaries a total of 335,000 votes were cast for the two Republican candidates for U. S. senator; 189,000 for the two Democratic candidates, and 47,000 for the Progressive candidate. It's a straw which shows how the political winds are blowing.

Even Democratic papers are admitting that business is bad and men are idle. The New York Times has made the statement that "in the middle states there are a million idle men with an average loss of \$50,000 a day in wages." As an instance of this, in Chicago, it has been proposed to appropriate a million dollars to relieve idle wage earners.

Reports indicate that potatoes are another food product which foreign countries will grow for Americans under the Democratic tariff law. We have been growing almost all the potatoes we have needed. For instance, the last two months of 1912, under a Republican tariff, only 41,000 bushels of potatoes were imported into the United States. In the last two months of last year, under a Democratic tariff, nearly 3,000,000 bushels of potatoes were brought into this country. This means that more than a million dollars which had been going into the pockets of American potato raisers were sent to foreign potato growers. It is reported that the foreign acreage of potatoes is to be doubled and hereafter increased year by year.

Possible Honor for Congressman Fordney.

The Washington Herald of June 3 makes the following reference to Congressman Fordney:

"Has it occurred to the admiring constituents of the Hon. Joseph Warren Fordney that he may some day be chairman of the Ways and Means Committee when the Republicans regain control of the House? Fordney himself is a modest, hard working member, who would never mention even his ambition for the greatest honor the House can bestow next to the Speakership, but his managers out home have just discovered that he stands second on the minority list of Ways and Means members and with Sen. Payne, the ranking Republican member, who has been chairman, now over seventy years old, the Fordney advancement to first place and the chairmanship under Republican domination is very probable.

Fordney is just sixty years old, and if kept in Congress might reach the chairmanship long before he is as old as his distinguished friend, Payne. The Saginaw statesman has had eight consecutive elections to Congress, and while recently placed in a new district with Lindquist, of Greenville, is confident of renomination even though Lindquist, serving his first term in any public office, thinks very well of the Congressional diversion and is a candidate against his veteran colleague.

Fordney is a native of Indiana, but has been in Michigan since he was sixteen. He has become one of the big lumber barons of the Saginaw region and his success in the accumulation of funds up to the million mark has not made him demand a larger sized hat. He continues a plain citizen blessed with a large family of children, and when in Washington lives modestly at the Dewey hotel. He has served longer than any of the other minority members of the committee and with the retirement of Payne at any time in the next few years would be entitled by custom to the chairmanship under Republican rule.

Gardner, of Massachusetts, who comes next to Fordney on the minority list, has had six terms, and J. Hampton Moore of Philadelphia, has had five elections, first filling a vacancy.

William R. Green of Iowa, is at the bottom of the Republican list, but he has only two terms to his credit, so by reason of service, let alone industry and ability, Fordney promises to be a

powerful figure once his party again takes hold of things of the House."

Misses Neva Lewis and Katherine Poess pleasantly entertained 25 members of the Waugh class of the Asbury M. E. church, Wednesday, at the home of the former on Stewart street. At the business session the following officers were elected: President, C. C. Kline; vice president, Miss Neva Lewis; secretary, Miss Bertha Rood; treasurer, N. Brichan. Refreshments were served and for the remainder of the evening music and sociability were enjoyed.

Thos. Hoskings, a farmer living south of Corunna was brought to Corunna, Wednesday, and given 20 days in the county jail by Justice R. McBride on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. A boy, adopted by Hoskings and his late wife, after their attempt to make people believe the child was their own, so as to secure property from the woman's father, Josiah Pugeley, will probably be taken away from Hoskings as it has been improperly fed and taken care of. The boy is at the Dorcas Home for the present.

Phillip Honecker, aged 85 years, died Sunday at his home in Perry as a result of a fall the previous Monday when he broke two ribs and injured his head. He was born in Germany coming to Michigan from Pennsylvania in 1879. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Mary Klefer of Flint, Mrs. Anna Myers of Perry, and two sons, John of Henderson, and William of Grand Rapids. The funeral was held from St. Johannes church in Owosso Wednesday, Rev. C. Lawrenz of Lansing, officiating.

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Misses Cornelia Mattoon and Laura Ortwein pleasantly entertained 16 young ladies Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. Clinton Smith, of Iowa. A picnic supper was served in the grove across the street from Miss Mattoon's home and a most enjoyable evening spent.

Morrice Rebekah lodge has elected the following officers: Noble Grand, Mrs. Alice Grout; vice grand, Mrs. Elizabeth Stone; secretary, Mrs. Blanche Burns; treasurer, W. F. Davis; delegate to grand lodge, Mrs. Harriet Davis; alternate, Mrs. Lulu Davis. Installation will be held first meeting in July.

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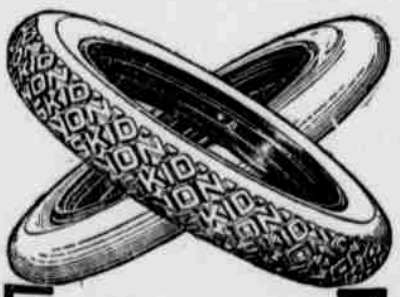
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